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Washington, DC 20463

November 9, 2000

Alan E. Sears, President & General Counsel
Alliance Defense Fund
PO Box 54370
Phoenix, AZ 85078

RE: MUR 5142

Dear Mr. Sears:

The Federal Election Commission received a complaint which indicates that the Alliance Defense Fund may have violated the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act"). A copy of the complaint is enclosed. We have numbered this matter MUR 5142. Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.

Under the Act you have the opportunity to demonstrate in writing that no action should be taken against the Alliance Defense Fund in this matter. Please submit any factual or legal materials which you believe are relevant to the Commission's analysis of this matter. Where appropriate, statements should be submitted under oath. Your response, which should be addressed to the General Counsel's Office, must be submitted within 15 days of receipt of this letter. If no response is received within 15 days, the Commission may take further action based on the available information.

This matter will remain confidential in accordance with 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(4)(B) and § 437g(a)(12)(A) unless you notify the Commission in writing that you wish the matter to be made public. If you intend to be represented by counsel in this matter, please advise the Commission by completing the enclosed form stating the name, address and telephone number of such counsel, and authorizing such counsel to receive any notifications and other communications from the Commission.

Your case may be eligible for processing in the FEC's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) program. To be considered for ADR processing, i.e., negotiation and/or mediation, you must: 1) indicate a willingness to have your case submitted to the ADR process; 2) agree to participate in bilateral negotiations and, if necessary, mediation; and 3) waive the statute of limitations while the matter is being processed under the FEC's ADR program.

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Dear Mrs. Smith

- I have left a voice message for you regarding the attached.
- We just received this by U.S. Mail today 12/1/00.
- We are not ignoring the letter and we are acting for the 15 days noted 12/16/00 to respond.
- Please call me @ 400-444-0020.

Thank You
Scott Phillips
Corporate Counsel

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